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For: CIRCULARLY POLARIZING PLATE,
VERTICALLY ALIGNMENT TYPE OF
LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY PANEL AND
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE
SAME

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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This Information Disclosure Statement accompanies the new patent application submitted herewith.

A summary/abstract translation of the non-English language references is enclosed. US Patent Application Publication corresponds to JP 2003-90915-A.

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Japanese Patent Publications Nos. 2003-121642-A, 11-212077-A, 2003-90915-A, 2003-227925-A, 2003-232922-A, and 2003-57635-A are discussed on pages 2-5 of the present specification.

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